THE GROUNDS OF THE Present Danger OF THE Church of Scotland.

1mo. BY the Articles of Union, this Nation, as to its Civil Concerns, is to be subjected to a Legislative Power, whereof Twenty Six Bishops are Constituent Members; And also this Parliament have refused to go in to a Motion, for exeeming this Church in Her Ecclesiastical Concerns, from the Legislative, and Judicative Power of the foresaid Twenty Six Bishops.

2do. By a Vote of this Parliament, all *Scots* Prebyterians are debarred from Places of Publick Trust in *England*, unless they take the Sacramental Test, a thing contrary to their known and avowed Principles; and yet by an other Vote of Parliament, the greatest Enemies of this Church, in *England*, who deny the Lawfulness of Presbyterian Ordination, are capable to enjoy any Place in *Scotland*, without being obliged to maintain the present Church Establishment.

3tio. There being no Provision in the Articles of Union, for exeeming the Members of this Church from the Oath of Abjuration, though Calculate for the Security of the Church of *England*; some of this Church's Friends, did propose in Parliament an Explication thereof, whereby they should only be bound to maintain the Succession in the Protestant Line, and the Successor's not being Married to a Papist; yet the same by a Vote of Parliament is refused, so that the Swearers are now to maintain, and own, That the Successor shall be of the Communion of the Church of *England* as a Condition and Burden upon him over and above his being Protestant.

4to. By the Articles of Union, the very Beeing of a Privy Council here, is left precarious and dependent upon the Will of the *British*

tiſh Parliament, whereby all the Acts and Securities made or to be made and provided in Favours of this Church, may come to be, as to their Execution, lodged in the hands of an *Engliſh* Privy Council, which may reduce them from Living, to Paper or dead, Laws.

5*to*. Albeit the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly of this Church, did by their Repreſentation to the firſt Seſſion of this Parliament *Anno* 1703: declare, That the enacting of a Toleration in favours of Prelatiſts, would be to eſtabliſh Iniquity by a Law; yet by the Articles of Union, there is no Proviſion made againſt the ſame.

6*to*. All the Laws, made for this Church Eſtabliſhment, and for our Civil Rights, Liberties and Properties, are at the intire Diſpoſal of the *Engliſh* Parliament, with a little new Mixture of *Scots* Joined thereto: for it is in their Power, by a Vote of this Parliament, to declare what Laws, or Cuſtoms they pleaſe, now uſed among us, to be void and null, as inconſiſtent with this Treaty.

Quer. Hath not the Church of *Scotland* as good reaſon, by the Vote of a General Aſſembly, or its Commiſſion, to find Her ſelf, under theſe Circumſtances, not ſecure; as the preſent *Engliſh* Convocation of their Clergy had of late, to Vote themſelves in a moſt ſecure Condition?

Quer. Is it not an open Flying in the Face of the Solemn League and Covenant, for ſuch Presbyterians, as own the binding Force thereof, and ſay, It has a Weight upon their Spirits, by their Vote in Parliament to approve a Treaty of Union with *England*, whereby Prelacy in ſtead of being exturpate, ſhall be further rooted here?

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